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Customer No.: 000027683

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cole, et al.

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For: Femoral Intramedullary Rod System

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Confirmation No. 4680

Examiner: Pedro Philogene

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AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 12, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.